

# Heroin Use in Montana

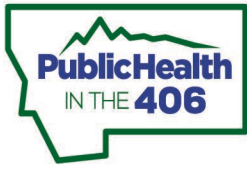
	United States	Montana
Heroin-related overdose death rate* (per 100,000 people) <sup>1</sup>	4.4 2019	2.9 2019
Percent of high school students who have ever used heroin <sup>2</sup>	1.8% 2019	1.7% 2019
Number of criminal violations involving heroin <sup>3</sup>	710,812 2019	342 2019

## Key Points:

- Heroin-related overdose deaths have increased dramatically in recent years compared to the previous decade. The number of heroin-related overdose deaths increased from an average of three per year in 2008-2017 to over 20 per year, on average, in 2018-2019.<sup>4</sup>
- Approximately 3,800 Montanans aged 12 years and older used heroin in the last year in 2018-2019.<sup>5</sup>
- Montana's criminal violations involving heroin has increased 180%, from 122 in 2015 to 342 in 2019.<sup>3</sup>

\*Age-adjusted rate

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## Data Sources:

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